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[1](#)B. OTTAWA 1968

[1](#)1. Post has enjoyed strong support from Washington counterparts and excellent cooperation with the GOC in countering terrorist financing. We will continue to report on developments and strengthen bilateral coordination. In 2006, Canada will assume the chair of the Financial Action Task Force (ref B) and undergo peer review in early 2007. The GOC is also revising anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing legislation with a view towards enhancing its effectiveness and ensuring complete compliance with UN and FATF standards.

[1](#)2. Following are responses to the questions in para 7 of Ref A:

a) TFCO is Brian Mohler, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs, 613-688-5214, mohlerbj at state.gov

b) Deputy TFCO is Lucy Abbott, First Secretary, Finance and Economics, 613-688-5226, abbottlk at state.gov

c) It would be helpful to have more direct contact with the Treasury officer responsible for A-TF activity in Canada.

d) We will keep these objectives in mind and inform Washington should an opportunity arise.

e) Support from Washington has been excellent. It is helpful to have as much of a heads-up as possible on cases that may involve activity in Canada. It would be extremely useful to establish a reliable channel in which non-State classified information could be conveyed to the interagency in Washington, but we understand discussions are underway.

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